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Docket No: 2901/0J410

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giuseppina BESTETTI; Simona CALI'; Daniela

GHISOTTI; Gaetano ORSINI; Giancarlo TONON;

Gabriele ZUFFI

Serial No:

TO BE ASSIGNED (Continuation of PCT/EP99/10416

Filed:

CONCURRENTLY

For:

RECOMBINANT BACTERIAL STRAINS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF

NATURAL NUCLEOSIDES AND MODIFIED ANALOGUES THEREOF

PCT CONTINUING APPLICATION

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. 111 of the above-identified international application designating the U.S. The following are enclosed:

- 1. A copy of the international application including amendments thereto.
- 2. [X] Declaration, petition and power of attorney

- 3. [X] Drawings, <u>5</u> sheets (Figs. <u>1, 2, 3, 4 & 5</u>)
- 4. [X] Payment in amount of \$445, (\$445 filing; \$0 recording) in the form of:

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- 5. [X] On information from Applicant's overseas representative, Applicant claims small entity status.
- 6. [X] Amend the specification as follows. On page 1, after the title add the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of international application Serial No. <u>PCT/EP99/10416</u>, filed <u>23 December 1999</u>, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

- 7. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- 8. [X] Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

Country:

Italy

Number:

MI 98 A 002792

Date:

23 December 1998

The priority documents

[] are enclosed

[X] will follow.

9. [X] Sequence Listing: Statement Under 37 CFR §1.821(f); Hard Copy and Diskette

Date: June 25, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

	No. of Claims Presented	Extra Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate
Basic Fee				\$710.00
Total Claims	30 - 20	- 0 = 10	x \$18.00	\$180.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3	- 0 = 0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Depen	dent Claims	- if so, add	\$270.00	\$0.00
 -Surcharge for	late submission c	of filing fee and	d/or declaration	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL				\$89.00
$\mathbb{P}_{[X]}$ Small Entity REDUCTION (Half of Subtotal)				\$445.00
Fee for recordation of assignment (\$40.00)				\$0.00
Charge for filing non-English language application (\$130.00)				\$0.00
TOTAL				\$445.00